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SUBJECT: REPORTED PLACEMENT OF KOREA ON SPECIAL MENTION LIST BY FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD

- 1. ACCORDING VISITING U.S. BANKER MCCOY (TOKYO REPRESENTATIVE OF ALLIED BANK INTERNATIONAL, NEW YORK), FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD RECENTLY ADVISED U.S. BANKS IT HAS PUT KOREA ON SPECIAL MENTION LIST, INDICATING CREDIT RISK EXISTS. ITALY AND CHILE PREVIOUSLY PLACED ON LIST, HE SAID. MCCOY HAS DISCUSSED WITH KOREA EXCHANGE BANK AND OTHER LOCAL BANKS, WHICH SAY THEY HAD NOT HEARD OF SUCH ACTION AND WERE CONCERNED BY HIS REPORT. ALLIED, WHICH IS PARTICIPANT IN U.S. BANKING SYNDICATE WHICH RECENTLY EXTENDED DOLS 200 MILLION LONG-TERM CREDIT TO KOREA, NEVERTHELESS REMAINS CONFIDENT ABOUT KOREA'S CREDITWORTHINESS AND PLANS TO EXPAND ITS DOLS 14.5 MILLION EXPOSURE IN SHORT-TERM COMMERCIAL FINANCING TO ABOUT DOLS 18.5 MILLION.
- 2. WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION THAT KOREA NOW ON SPECIAL MENTION LIST AND FURTHER INFORMATION FOR USE IN CONVERSATIONS WITH KOREAN OFFICIALS OR BANKERS.
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